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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN THE APPLICATION OF : Stephen John Lee
FOR : IMPROVEMENTS IN OR RELATING
TO REFRACTORY PRODUCTS

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AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action dated April 16, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.